

6 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Policy and Plans Group

SUBJECT : Proposed Letter from the DCI to the
Senate Judiciary Committee Concerning
the Bayh bill S. 1841

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[REDACTED] made changes in the attached letter which are contained in a second draft of the same letter attached. We are submitting for comparison a copy of each letter with the paragraphs numbered to explain IB's rationale for the changes made, paragraph by paragraph.


para.

1. Grammar of last sentence seemed to require adjustment.
2. a.) "... part of its hiring process:" This seems to suggest that polygraphy per se is a hurdle for the applicant to clear rather than a technical aid to the investigative procedure used for security screening.
b.) Several changes in wording and emphasis.
3. Some rewording for clarity.
- 3a. We suggest making some reference to the positive side of our use of polygraphy rather than concentrating exclusively on its negative functions.
4. Regarding "... the danger of abuse inherent in the use of any instrument used to distinguish truths from untruths." We in IB, upon reflection, are not aware of being cognizant of anything like that. We are

cognizant of the dangers of abuse inherent in any investigative procedure. The concept of distinguishing true from false declarations does not stand out by itself as inherently dangerous, and the application of instrumentation to the process does not inherently change anything.

4. List of separate items: minor rewording in places for consistency of grammatical structure.
5. Minor rewording.
6. Minor change in wording: "In this respect..." did not seem quite right.
7. This paragraph seems more a distraction than an integral part of the argument. Unless there are independent reasons for its inclusion we suggest dropping it.

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Atts (2)

Att 1: Second draft

Att 2: Copies of each letter with numbered paragraphs